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SUBJECT: TURKISH DEFMIN GONUL REQUESTS MEETING WITH SECDEF  
AT NATO MINISTERIAL, OCTOBER 24-25

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11. (C) Defense Minister Gonul contacted Ambassador October 15 to convey his request for a meeting with Secretary Gates on the margins of the NATO Defense Ministerial in Noordwijk, Netherlands, 24-25 October. Gonul explained that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the GOT's request to the Turkish parliament (expected to be presented October 16) for approval to conduct a cross-border operation into northern Iraq against the PKK -- both what the approval would mean and what it would not.

12. (C) We strongly recommend that Secretary Gates agree to meet with Gonul.

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